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## Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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## AUGUST NEWS BRIEFS

### ► Executive Director Retires After Four Years at Post



Deborah Robinson Barmack

After 40 years of serving in government positions in San Bernardino County, Deborah Robinson Barmack, Executive Director of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), has announced her retirement.

Barmack worked for twenty years with the County of San Bernardino, before working another twenty years with SANBAG, the transportation planning authority and council of governments for San Bernardino County.

During her years with SANBAG, Barmack was Director of Management Services for sixteen years and served the past four years as Executive Director.

"This is a bittersweet moment, in that I have enjoyed every minute of my work at SANBAG and regret that I will no longer be involved in the many wonderful improvements and programs which serve the residents of San Bernardino County," stated Barmack. "On the other hand, I am looking forward to more leisure time in retirement after forty-plus years of public service in this county."

### ► SANBAG Selects Interim Director During Search

The SANBAG Board appointed Ty Schuling as Interim Executive Director. The Administrative Committee of the Board will select an executive search firm to conduct recruitment for a new Executive Director.

Schuling joined SANBAG in 1990 as Director of Comprehensive Planning, following passage of Measure I, the half-cent transportation sales tax. Schuling was named Director of Planning and Programming in 1997. He has been responsible for regional and countywide transportation and Air quality planning, policy analysis, program development, congestion management, fund allocation, and agency representation on various federal, state, and regional forums.



Ty Schuling

"The Board selected Ty Schuling because of his broad experience in transportation and his long tenure with SANBAG," stated SANBAG President Larry McCallon. "It was in the best interest of the agency to choose someone who is familiar with the agency."



Candie Hall (left) was presented with a 10-year service pin by SANBAG President Larry McCallon.

### ► SANBAG Employee Honored with 10-year Service Award

SANBAG Board President Larry McCallon presented SANBAG employee Candie Hall with her 10-year Service Pin.

Candie is an Accounting Assistant and her primary responsibilities at SANBAG include payroll, budget scheduling and amendments, year-end consolidation and purchase orders.

Candie's dedication to excellence continues to show in her daily work.

## SANBAG MEETINGS

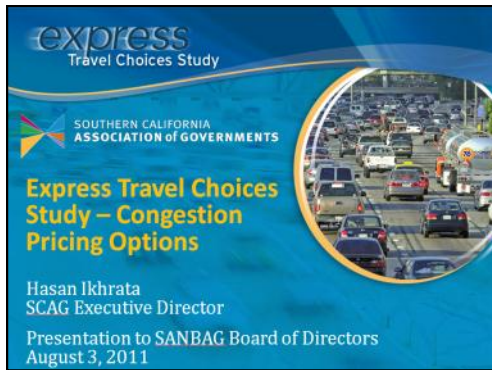
<b>AUG 10:</b>	Administrative Comm.	9:00 am
<b>AUG 11:</b>	Major Projects Comm.	9:00 am
<b>AUG 17:</b>	Plans & Progs Comm.	12:00 noon
<b>AUG 18:</b>	Rail & Transit Comm.	12:00 noon
<b>AUG 19:</b>	Mountain/Desert Comm.	9:00 am

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

<b>SEP 6:</b>	Mobility 21 Summit	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
	Los Angeles, CA	

## ► Toll Lanes “H.O.T.” Topic of Discussion at Board

As transportation challenges continue to rise in San Bernardino County, SANBAG is looking for solutions to the increasing demand on the highway system. Alternative modes of transportation have been explored and are being developed, but the discussion now includes management of traffic.



A recent white paper drafted by SANBAG staff stated that High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes are possible because of advancements in technologies such as electronic toll collection, and may be able to optimize system performance by using price and occupancy restrictions to control the demand and an optimize flow during peak travel periods.

Proponents of HOT lanes argue that they offer the following benefits:

- ◇ Reduce congestion
- ◇ Reduce emissions.
- ◇ Give the public a reliable high speed option which is sustainable for the long term.
- ◇ Generate revenues to pay for a portion of the transportation improvements.
- ◇ Reliable high speeds have a synergy with Bus Rapid Transit.
- ◇ Allow tourists and travelers from outside the County to pay to avoid congestion and contribute to cost of the system.

However, the response of the public to a locally untested system remains in question as the Board debates the merits of implementing this transportation solution. More information is desired as staff researches existing systems throughout the country to determine if the conditions in San Bernardino County indicate that this type of transportation solution is feasible.



Ultimately, the Board voted to move forward with the recommendation to advance the process of studying HOT lanes and their viability for the region.

## ► Interstate 10 Widening - Redlands Wins Top Prize from ASCE Committee

SANBAG was honored with the ‘Project of the Year’ at the July 27th American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Annual Awards Luncheon held in Ontario, California. The Interstate 10 Widening Project through Redlands highlighted the committee’s recognition of excellence in delivering quality transportation improvements.

Dennis Saylor, Project Manager, presented an overview of the project benefits and challenges during the celebration. A plaque commemorating the honor was presented and will be on display at the SANBAG offices.

This project is a significant project for the Redlands area, however, it is only one of many improvements to the east valley that are a direct result of the voter approved Measure I program.



## ► City of Colton Announces New SANBAG Board Member



On August 3rd at the SANBAG Board of Directors Meeting, City of Colton Board Alternate Dierdre Bennett announced that Sarah Zamora had been voted by the Colton City Council to succeed her late husband David Zamora as Colton’s Mayor.

As a result of this appointment, Ms. Bennett indicated that Mrs. Zamora will assume the role of SANBAG Board Member and represent the City of Colton at future Board meetings.

Mrs. Zamora has spent many years in public service, including a term as City of Colton Councilmember from 2000-2004.

SANBAG Board President Larry McCallon closed the August Board of Directors Meeting in honor of Mr. Zamora and his dedication to the Board.